



Oneonta Montessori School



October 2019



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY School holiday- Monday, 14th

FINGERPRINTING AT SCHOOL – Thurs, 3rd.

Permanent Impressions, a Child Safety Program, will be here to take children's fingerprints; an important safety feature that is highly recommended for children of all ages, so it is good that parents take this opportunity. Attached please find form that must be filled out and returned to office ASAP. Thank you.

CULTURAL DAY

Friday, 18th, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

We pride ourselves on being a Multi-cultural school and are privileged to have staff and students this year who hail from over 46 territories, regions and countries across the globe. To learn more about each other we are planning a very fun and exciting Cultural Day where our students will learn more about where their friends are from. Going through our Cultural Survey, we will pick 9 countries to be represented and send invitations to those parents who will be presenters. We will have the opportunity to look at pictures and artifacts, listen to traditional music, and also to taste a sample of ethnic food. We will be taking many pictures and posting them on Dojo & our website, so keep a look out! Looking forward to a terrific day of learning!

SEE'S CANDY FUND RAISER

Friday, October 18th - Thursday, November 7th

It's that time once a year when we really need the help of our entire parent body. We would like to see 100% participation in our candy drive. This is our big yearly fund raiser where we use the money to purchase new equipment/materials & other resources for our students.

WELCOME TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Ms Cristina and Ms Keren!

Ms Cristina will be working in all our preschool and elementary classes as a substitute teacher. She has had more than 10 years of expertise as an assistant in a Montessori school. Ms Keren will be working alongside Ms Theresa and Ms Alondra in the Butterfly classroom. Ms Keren also has had experience working in a Montessori classroom for many years. We are very happy that they are part of our staff.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Thursday, 31st @ 10:00 a.m.

Children must come to school in costume as everyone participates in the parade. Students may bring a change of clothes to school. Children will assemble in the elementary playground so that everyone is able to see all the wonderful costumes. We will then go for a walk around the block to say hello to our neighbors and other businesses in our community.

We are looking for ONE family per class to decorate their car (in a Halloween theme) and park it around the block so that when our children go for their annual Halloween walk they will be able to stop at each car and get some goodies. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to do so.

Parents, we welcome all of you to dress in costume and join us in the fun parade at school and around the block.

Halloween snack party sign-ups will be posted so that there will be plenty of snacks for all. We ask that everyone be conscious of not providing candy, instead, bringing healthy snacks & goodies, thereby encouraging our students to be more aware of eating healthy! Thank You.

GREAT SHAKE – Thursday, 17th, @ 10:17 a.m.

Every year our school participates in the statewide Earthquake drill to make sure we are prepared just in case the big one hits. We will stop, drop & hold on for approx. 15 minutes so everyone gets familiar with the drill.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This school year, we are going to honor students in our elementary program who exhibit exemplary citizenship characteristics. Students will receive Good Citizenship certificates and pins and will be treated to a special breakfast with their teachers at the end of each month. For the month of September we like to

CONGRATULATE:

Clara Zamores & Avery Ferreira, Miranda Liu & Marcella Elias, Jonathan Fuentes & Arin Barraza, Mya Lee & Kacie Ng, Anthony Fuentes & Michelle Falla. Thank You for being such good role models!

Ms Karen's Ladybugs – Class # 1

October calls for new learning experiences, such as learning about the fall as we explore the beautiful changes all around us. We will learn about Indigenous Peoples' day by looking at pictures and books as well as creating fun crafts. Learning about our solar system is always a fun experience! This month we will continue to learn about feelings and emotions and how to express ourselves by using our words. Cultural day is soon approaching and our ladybugs will be learning about new and exciting cultures as they embark on an adventure to learn about different foods, customs, and places. Happy Halloween!

Ms Melinda's Dragonflies - Class # 2

Our Dragonflies are so excited for this month of October! We will learn about the Indigenous Peoples' holiday by visiting our school library and creating fun crafts. We will explore the wonderful change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and take a nature walk around our neighborhood. For science, we will learn about the bean seed & how it grows into a plant. For Cultural Day, our Dragonflies will have an adventure exploring and welcoming a new culture and learning how various people live, where they come from and the different languages they speak. With Halloween around the corner we will learn about the skeletal system and learn the bone wiggling 'skeletal dance,' proudly to be shown on Halloween Day!

Ms Adrianna's Honey Bees – Class # 3

Our buzzing Honeybees are falling into October! We will kickstart our month by embarking on a nature walk to help reinforce the information they have learned about fall and living and nonliving things. The Honeybees will be learning about a very important holiday: Indigenous Peoples' Day! Our friends will create a special project in honor of the indigenous people. Get your suitcases ready, it's Cultural Day! Our Honeybees will be learning about all the wonderful diverse cultures in the world by taking a journey through many different countries. What better way to learn about our body than making a bone-tastic skeletal project! Grab those broomsticks and fly on down October 31st and join us for our Halloween parade!

Ms Theresa's Butterflies – Class # 4

It's true what they say, time flies when you're having fun! October is already here, and the butterfly friends have shed those cocoons and are spreading their beautiful wings as we fly into another month of learning. We will begin by learning about a special holiday; Indigenous Peoples' Day. What a great introduction to our very own; Cultural Day. The butterflies will have the opportunity to learn about and appreciate all the diverse cultures we have here in our own school. Who says you can't travel around the world in one day? Our little scientists will be learning all about the skeletal system, it's sure to be a bone tingling good time! That's not all; we will be rocketing deeper into our solar system as we explore the inner planets. Everything will lead us to our Spooktacular Halloween parade.

Ms Vangie – Class # 5

Fall is here and we are ready for our October learning adventure! Rules are set and classroom routines are in place. We will start off with literature reading, kind of sentences, nouns, (singular/ plural, and collective). For math, addition and subtraction concepts, word problems, place value, expanded forms, and rounding numbers to ten. Water forms, Earth and its parts, the Calendar, Clock of Eras and classes of vertebrates will be our Cultural Arts lessons. Our students are ready for their learning adventure & are hard at work, can you tell?

Ms. Vanessa – Class # 6

October is a month of learning and appreciating the culture and diversity of everyone around us. We will learn about the Indigenous Peoples' holiday, creating fun crafts and understanding the history behind it. We will explore the change in nature's colors as we approach the fall season and observe the life cycle of the plant. In language, we will be emphasizing the parts of speech and what makes a sentence. In math, our 1st graders will work on understanding word problems and kinder will begin working on adding double digits. Halloween leads us into learning the skeletal system.

Ms Blossom – Class # 7

We are absolutely FALLing in-love with learning! We are adjusted well & ready to go back in time and commemorate the history of Native American people. We will also share our similarities and celebrate our differences as we proudly show off our beautiful attire from our country of origin on Cultural Day. We have prepared SPOOK-tacular activities for this month. In geography; we'll learn about Europe's countries and capitals for 3rd Grade and volcanoes, plains and its parts. For math, we'll focus on addition and subtraction concepts, estimation, and money value.

Ms Audrey - Class # 8

October is here with a FANGtastic bunch of events and projects to keep the bar set high for fun!! In how many languages can you say hello? Room 8 has about ten down and more to learn as we get ready for Cultural Day! We are also getting our meteorologist coats on to explore Wild Weather, The Seasons and types of clouds! Discovering our marvelous bodies will give us a chance to learn more about our bone chilling skeleton and get into some holiday fun! Math, reading and writing continue to be at the top of the list in our amazing learning lab. Botany & geography will give us plenty of opportunity to sharpen our skills.

Ms Mary Ann - Class # 9

Rules are set and goals are established; our class has settled in nicely and students are ready for challenging work ahead. Grammar review, reading and writing activities, discussion of new books in literature will keep our students busy in language. The study of continents, its land and water forms will be the focus of study for geography. We will continue with invertebrates and vertebrates for zoology and order of operations, multiplication properties and angle pairs for math & geometry. We hope to see you at our Halloween parade!